



Stronger Together: Partnering for Equality for Women

March 9-11, 2015

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Port Moresby

Sunday, March 8, 2015

5:00PM **Icebreaker Reception and Early Bird Registration (Sponsored by ExxonMobil PNG)**
Crowne Plaza, Ballrooms 3 & 4

7:00PM Icebreaker Reception Ends and Early Bird Registration Closes

Monday, March 9, 2015

All Day **NGO Expo**
Leadership and Education Focus

7:30AM **Registration**

8:00AM **Opening Ceremony and Remarks**

Anja Blyton
Master of Ceremonies

Opening Prayer
Pastor Anthony Dalaka
Cornerstone Assembly of God

Roy Trivedy
United Nations Resident Coordinator

Anna Solomon
Secretary, Department for Religion, Youth, and Community Development

Honorable Leo Dion
Deputy Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea

9:15AM

Panel Discussion: PNG's International Commitments to Strengthen Women's Rights

At the international level, Papua New Guinea has committed itself to achieving gender equality, and eliminating all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls. International conventions to which Papua New Guinea has signed on to include:

- *The Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development Goals (Rio+20): A set of goals covering a broad range of development issues, including ending poverty and hunger, improving health and education, making cities more sustainable, combating climate change, and protecting oceans and forests;*
- *The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Beijing+20): A comprehensive global policy framework to achieve gender equality, development, and peace; and*
- *The Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW): A landmark international agreement that affirms principles of fundamental human rights and equality for women around the world.*

How can these international mechanisms strengthen women's rights in PNG?

Moderator: Julie Bukikun, Assistant Resident Representative – Governance, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Panel Participants:

- Mollie Willie, Deputy Secretary, Policy Division, Department of Community Development
- Theresa Jaintong, President, National Council of Women
- Farapo Korere, Senior Foreign Service Officer, International Organizations Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs
- Josephine Advent, Principal Legal Officer and Acting Director, Legal Policy and Governance Branch, Department of Justice & Attorney General
- Wallis Yakam, Executive Director, Consultative Implementation and Monitoring Council (CIMC)
- Lilly BeSoer, Founder, Voice for Change
- Signe Poulsen, Human Rights Advisor, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR)

10:00AM

Coffee Break

10:30AM

Panel Discussion: Decreasing Barriers to Education for Girls

Has "free education" improved girl's enrollment in school and education quality? What else can we do to decrease barriers to education for girls?

Moderator: Susil Nelson, President, Business and Professional Women

Panel Participants:

- Baba Danbappa, Country Representative, UNICEF

- Dr. Arnold Kukari, Associate Professorial Fellow and Universalizing Basic Education Program Leader, National Research Institute (NRI) and Editor, Papua New Guinea Journal of Education
- Honorable Nick Kuman, Minister for Education (or Dr. Michael Tapo, Secretary for Education)
- Ipul Powaseu, Chairperson, PNG Association of Disabled Persons
- Paul Sokou Werei, Acting Executive Manager, Division of Education, Manus Province
- Simon Opa, Principal, Togoba High School Principal

11:15AM Breakout Sessions on International Conventions on Women and Education
(Sessions run concurrently)

*LOCATION: International Conventions on Women – Kamasan Suite
Education – Marea Suite*

12:30PM **Special Guest Speakers**

Plated lunches will be served during the address

***Speakers will eat lunch in control room during the preceding breakout session*

U.S. Ambassador Walter North

Dame Meg Taylor

Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

Rear Admiral Cari Thomas

U.S. Coast Guard

Q&A with Special Guest Speakers (moderated by Master of Ceremonies)

2:00PM **Panel Discussion: Partnering for Mentoring and Leadership Development**

How can we encourage mutually beneficial mentoring relationships amongst women and encourage partnerships to develop the next generation of women leaders?

Moderators: Diane Kambanej, Executive Director, Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of PNG

Betsy Polk and Maggie Chotas, Co-Founders, The Mulberry Partners

Panel Participants:

- Dame Meg Taylor, Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
- Seini Fisi'ihoi-Rageau, Member of Organizing Committee for Emerging Pacific Leaders Dialogue, Leadership PNG Inc.
- Barbra Thomas, Program Manager, The Voice Inc.
- Cathy Alex, President, Advancing PNG: Women Leaders Network

- Sisa Kini, Community Development Support Manager, Public and Government Affairs, Exxon Mobil PNG
- Dr. Lalen Simeon, Director, Research and Post Graduate Studies at Pacific Adventist University

2:45PM Coffee Break
NGO Expo Networking Contest entry forms due

3:15PM **Panel Discussion: Increasing Women's Participation in the Public Service**
Women are underrepresented in decision-making roles within the public service in Papua New Guinea. How have women reached leadership positions and what can we learn from their experiences? What affect will recent public service reforms have on women's ability to climb the ranks?

Moderator: Maha Muna, Gender Advisor for the Pacific, UNFPA

Panel Participants:

- Rear Admiral Cari Thomas, U.S. Coast Guard
- Laurelle Pentanu, Foreign Service Trainee, Policy/Multilateral/Regional Economic Affairs Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs
- Jean Kekedo, Former PNG High Commissioner to the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland
- Betty Palaso, Commissioner General, Internal Revenue Commission (IRC)
- Agnes Friday, Acting Deputy Secretary for Public Service Reforms, Department of Personnel Management
- Dr. Nicole Haley, Convenor, State, Society, and Governance in Melanesia Program, Australian National University

4:00PM **Closing Remarks and NGO Expo Networking Contest Prize Drawing**

Expo Prize Drawing
 MC will facilitate

A prize will be given to one participant who visits all the expo stations, correctly answers the trivia question about each organization/booth, and gets stamps from each station. Whoever is selected must be present to win. If the selected participant is not present, there will be a re-draw.

Lesieli Taviri
 Country Manager, Origin Energy PNG
 2014 Recipient of the Westpac Outstanding Women Award
 Chairperson, Business Coalition for Women (BCW)
 President, The Badili Club PNG

4:45PM Breakout Sessions on Leadership Development and Women in Public Service
(Sessions run concurrently)

LOCATION: Mentoring and Leadership Development – Marea Suite

Women in Public Service – Kamasan Suite

- 6:00PM Day One Ends
- 6:30PM **Opening Reception Hosted by the U.S. Embassy**
U.S. Ambassador's Residence
Shuttles will depart at 6:15pm and 6:30pm to take participants from the Crowne Plaza to the U.S. Ambassador's Residence
- 8:00PM **Reception Ends**
Shuttles will depart at 8:00pm and 8:15pm to take participants from the U.S. Ambassador's Residence back to the Crowne Plaza

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

All Day **NGO Expo**
Business and Partnership Focus

7:30AM Registration

8:00AM **Opening Remarks**

Mary Karo
Chairlady, Eda Ranu

8:15AM **Panel Discussion: PNG's SME Policy and Financial Inclusion Efforts**
What is being done to increase financial literacy for women and to increase opportunities for women to own and operate businesses in Papua New Guinea? How can women access these opportunities? How will the government's small and medium enterprise (SME) policy improve the business climate for women?

Moderator: Marga Fripp, President, Empowered Women International

Panel Participants:

- Steffi Stallmeister, Country Manager, World Bank
- Avia Kosen, President, PNG Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PNGWCCI)
- David Conn, CEO, Port Moresby Chamber of Commerce and Industry (POMCCI)
- Geoff Toone, Managing Director, Westpac Bank PNG Limited
- Esther Igo, Consultant and Head of Technical Working Committee on SME Policy
- Desmond Yaninen, CEO, National Development Bank Investments (NDBI)
- Ellison Pidik, Assistant Governor, Bank of Papua New Guinea

9:00AM Coffee Break

- 9:15AM **Panel Discussion: Using APEC to Increase Access to Markets for Women**
PNG will be hosting the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit in 2018 and co-hosting (with the Philippines) the Policy Partnership on Women and the Economy (PPWE) in Port Moresby in May 2015. How can PNG's membership in APEC increase access to international markets for PNG business women? How can PNG-hosted APEC events create opportunities for women to sell their products?
- Moderator: Jenny Lind Elmaco, Executive Director and Member of the Board, SPARK Philippines and Co-Founder and Head of Programs, Goals for Peace International
- Panel Participants:
- Ivan Pomaleu, PNG APEC Senior Official (discuss plans for PPWE in May)
 - Janet Sios, Vice President, PNG Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PNGWCCI)
 - Douveri Henao, Executive Director, Business Council of Papua New Guinea
 - Mary Kira, Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Monitoring, Policy, Planning and Information Division, Department of Trade, Commerce, and Industry
 - Winifred Kula Amini, Co-Founder, Win-IT Consultancy
- 10:00AM Coffee Break
- 10:15AM Breakout Sessions on SME Policy/Financial Inclusion and Access to Markets
(Sessions run concurrently)
- LOCATION: SME Policy/Financial Inclusion – Marea Suite
 APEC and Access to Markets – Kamasan Suite*
- 11:30AM **Lunchtime Seminar: Best Practices in Business and Organizational Management**
***Speakers will eat lunch in control room during the preceding breakout session*
- Marga Fripp, President, Empowered Women International
- 12:45PM **Presentation of Papua New Guinean Nominee for the U.S. Secretary of State's Women of Courage Award**
Plated lunches will be served during the awarding and remarks
***Speakers will eat lunch in control room during the preceding breakout session*
- Presentation of Papua New Guinean Nominee for the U.S. Secretary of State's Women of Courage Award by U.S. Ambassador Walter North
- Remarks by Maria Lakamiku Towai Nepel
 U.S. Secretary of State's Women of Courage Award Nominee for Papua New Guinea

*Photo of U.S. Ambassador Walter North with
U.S. Secretary of State's Women of Courage Award Nominee
for Papua New Guinea*

1:30 PM **Panel Discussion: Change Makers – Stories of Leaders Who Have Made a Difference in Their Communities**
How can communities build buy-in/consensus among competing groups in order to make change?

Moderator: Amanda Donigi, Editor and Publisher, Stella Magazine

Panel Participants:

- Rita Karre, Owner, Goroka Steakhouse
- Jennifer Baing Waiko, Director, Save PNG Inc.
- Anne Kajir, Executive Director, Monitoring Social Environmental Law Ltd.
- Penny Sagembo, Project Manager, Tembari Children's Care Inc.
- Fungke Samana, Women's Representative, Morobe Provincial Government
- Andrew C. Abel, ML, President and Co-founder, Surfing Association of Papua New Guinea, Inc.

2:15 PM Coffee Break
NGO Expo Networking Contest entry forms due

2:45 PM **Afternoon Workshop**
Power Through Partnership – How Women Lead Better Together

Speakers: Betsy Polk and Maggie Chotas
Co-Founders, The Mulberry Partners

5:30PM Coffee Break

6:00PM **Closing Remarks and NGO Expo Networking Contest Prize Drawing**

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Theresa Jaintong
President, National Council of Women

Susan Ferguson
Counsellor, Australian High Commission

6:30PM **Networking Reception Hosted by ExxonMobil PNG**

Poolside, Crowne Plaza Hotel

8:30PM

Reception Ends

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

- All Day **NGO Expo**
Gender Based Violence and Health Focus
- 7:30AM Registration
- 8:00AM **Opening Remarks**

Melanie Higgins
Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy Port Moresby

Sisa Kini
Community Development Support Manager, Public and Government Affairs,
Exxon Mobil PNG
- 8:30AM **Panel Discussion: Know Your Rights – The Family Protection Act and Gender Based Violence Policy Reform**
In September 2013, the PNG government passed the Family Protection Act, which makes domestic violence a criminal offence and strengthens protection orders. Since that time, what has been done to make the public aware of the Act and what steps are being taken to incorporate the penalties and rights that the Act provides for into the justice system? What effect is the Act expected to have on gender based violence trends in Papua New Guinea? What effect will the government's plans for a gender based violence strategy have on Papua New Guinea?

Panel Prep Session: March 8, 4pm, Crowne Plaza (Kamasan Suite)

Moderators: Salome Rihatta, President, PNG Yumi Kirap (PNG Arise)
Ruby Awa, Senior Trainer, Secretariat for the Pacific Community
Regional Rights Resource Team (SPC RRRT)

Panel Participants:
 - Josephine Advent, Principal Legal Officer and Acting Director, Legal Policy and Governance Branch, Department of Justice & Attorney General
 - Susan Setae, Trainer and Counselor, Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee (FSVAC)
 - Justice Catherine Davani, President, Papua New Guinea Judicial Women's Association (PNGJWA)
 - Joe Itaki, Executive Manager, Office of the Secretary, Department of Religion, Youth, and Community Development
 - Dr. Eric Kwa, Secretary, Constitutional Law Reform Commission
 - Kiun Kimbing, Community Development Advisor, Morobe Province
 - Naomi Yupae, Family Support Center Coordinator, Goroka Provincial Hospital
- 9:15AM Coffee Break

9:45AM **Panel Discussion: Combatting Sexual Violence Against Children**
Sexual violence increasingly impacts children in Papua New Guinea. What can be done to reverse this trend? What role does “compensation culture” play in access to justice?

Moderator: Maryce Ramsey, Senior Gender Technical Advisor, FHI 360

Panel Participants:

- Sister Edith Namba, Provincial Clinical Supervisor, Western Highlands Provincial Health Authority
- Susan Bissell, Associate Director on Child Protection, UNICEF HQ, New York
- Dessie Magaru, Deputy Chief Magistrate, Magisterial Services
- Anna Solomon, Secretary, Department of Religion, Youth, and Community Development
- Clara Aglua, Gender Based Violence Officer, Save the Children, Goroka

10:30AM Breakout Sessions on Know Your Rights and Combatting Sexual Violence Against Children
(Sessions run concurrently)

*LOCATION: Know Your Rights – Marea Suite
Combatting Sexual Violence against Children – Kamasan Suite*

12:00PM **Lunchtime Discussion: Innovative Projects to Combat Gender Based Violence**
Plated lunches will be served during the remarks
***Panelists will eat lunch in control room during the preceding breakout session*

What innovative methods are NGOs, the private sector, donors, and the government using to combat and prevent gender based violence?

Moderator: Beatrice Mahuru, CEO, Digicel Foundation

Panel Participants:

- Gabriel Ganci, Country Representative, Population Services International (PSI)
- Daisy Plana, Social Worker and CEO, PNG Family and Sexual Violence Case Management Centre in Lae (PNGCMC)
- Daniel Adem Tesfaye, Country Director, FHI360
- Kamane Wauga, Senior Program Officer, Oxfam Sorcery Survivor Repatriation Project
- Kay Kaugla, Gender Officer, National Capital District Commission
- Pastor Mike Field, Manager, Ginigoda Bisnis Development Foundation Inc. and Manager, Meri Seif Ples

12:45PM Coffee Break

1:00PM **Panel Discussion: Role of Family Planning in Empowering Women**

What role does family planning play in helping women to achieve their personal and professional goals? How do men affect women's decisions regarding family planning?

Moderator: Dr. Edith Digwaleu Kariko, Service Delivery Manager, Marie Stopes

Panel Participants:

- Dr. Lahui Geita, Technical Advisor on Women's Health, National Department of Health
- Veronica Kahona, Health Facility Manager, Susu Mamas Goroka
- Dr. Julia Stinshoff, Obstetrician and Gynecologist
- Tessie Soi, Executive Director, Friends Foundation and Senior Medical Social Worker at Port Moresby General Hospital
- Dr. Gilbert Hiawalyer, Assistant Representative, UNFPA
- Professor Glen Mola, Head of Reproductive Health, UPNG School of Medicine and Health Sciences

1:45PM Yoga Break Led by Yoga Unites Pacific Youth Empowerment Training (YU YET)
Fazilah Bazari, Consultant, Yoga Trainer and Life Coach, Yoga Unites

2:15 PM **Panel Discussion: Developing Male Advocates Against Gender Based Violence**
How can Papua New Guinean men help each other respect women and be positive role models for young men?

Moderator: Eddie Aila, Founder and Head Trainer, Warrior Culture – Men Against Family Violence

Panel Participants:

- Honorable Charles Abel, Minister for National Planning and Monitoring
- Leo Kulumbu, Deputy Secretary, Corporate Services Division, Department of Community Development
- Isi Oru, Coordinator of Male Advocates Program, Family Sexual Violence Action Committee (FSVAC)
- Laitia Tamata, Provincial Family & Sexual Violence Advisor, Gender Equity and Social Inclusion, Law & Justice Transitional Program
- Arthur Tane, Senior Project Manager, Digicel Foundation
- Kendal Henry, Artist and Public Art & Urban Design Consultant

3:00PM Breakout Sessions on Family Planning and Male Advocates
(Sessions run concurrently)

*LOCATION: Family Planning – Kamasan Suite
Male Advocates – Marea Suite*

4:15PM Coffee Break
NGO Expo Networking Contest entry forms due with surveys

***In order to be eligible to enter the NGO Expo Networking Contest, participants must complete the survey that was distributed at registration.*

Panel moderators meet with moderator for wrap up session in Marea Suite to synthesize findings and recommendations

4:45PM

Wrap-Up Session: Panel Findings and Recommendations

Panel moderators will present each panel's findings and recommendations and ask questions of and answer questions from the audience. This discussion will synthesize recommendations for the PNG government, donors, civil society, and the private sector in Papua New Guinea.

Moderator: Michelle Hau'ofa, Director – Operations, Board of Directors, PNG Tribal Foundation

Panel Participants:

- Julie Bukikun, Assistant Resident Representative – Governance, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) *(PNG's International Commitments to Strengthen Women's Rights)*
- Susil Nelson, President, Business and Professional Women *(Decreasing Barriers to Keeping Girls in School)*
- Diane Kambanei, Executive Director, Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of Papua New Guinea *(Partnering for Mentoring and Leadership Development)*
- Maha Muna, Gender Advisor for the Pacific, UNFPA *(Increasing Women's Participation in the Public Service)*
- Marga Fripp, President, Empowered Women International *(PNG's SME Policy and Financial Inclusion Efforts)*
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- Beatrice Mahuru, CEO, Digicel Foundation *(Innovative Projects to Combat Gender Based Violence)*
- Dr. Edith Digwaleu Kariko, Service Delivery Manager, Marie Stopes *(Role of Family Planning in Empowering Women)*
- Eddie Aila, Founder and Head Trainer, Warrior Culture – Men Against Family Violence *(Developing Male Advocates against GBV)*

Notetakers will give moderators a summary of recommendations from their panels in advance of the wrap up session

- 5:45PM **NGO Expo Networking Contest and Powerful Partnerships Networking Prizes Awarded**
Whoever is selected must be present to win. If the selected participant is not present, there will be a re-draw.
- Expo Prize Drawing
MC will facilitate
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- Powerful Partnerships Networking Prizes Awarded
Melanie Higgins, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy Port Moresby
- 6:00PM **Closing Ceremony and Remarks**
- Lynda Babao O'Neill
First Lady
- 6:30PM Day Three Ends
- 6:30PM **Closing Reception Hosted by the Australian High Commission**
Poolside, Crowne Plaza Hotel
- 8:00PM **Reception Ends**